Dr. Ann O'Nei1 named new director

Dr. Ann L. O'Neill will join the American Library Association on June 1, 1998 as director, Office for Accreditation. Currently, Dr. O'Neill is an Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science. She has taught several courses at CLIS, including Organization of Information and Materials, Subject Analysis and Classification, Serials, Seminar in Technical Services, and Popular Materials and Programming for Adults.

Dr. O'Neill has a B.A. in Russian-Soviet Studies from the University of Northern Colorado (1980), an M.L.S. from the University of Arizona (1990), and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science (1996).

Her background includes positions at Tomas Rivera Library at the University of California - Riverside as well as positions at the University of Arizona and the University of North Carolina.

Dr. O'Neill has been an ALA member since 1988, belonging to ACRL, ALCTS, the Library Research Round Table, and the Social Responsibilities Round Table. She is also a member of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG). She is on the Library Advisory Council of the Institute for Physics Publishing and the Editorial Board of Serials Review.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. O'Neill to the Office for Accreditation.

COA announces accreditation actions

The American Library Association’s (ALA) Committee on Accreditation (COA) took actions to re-accredit six graduate programs leading to the first professional degree under the 1992 “Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Programs in Library and Information Studies.” The re-accredited programs are: Master of Library Science, School of Library and Information Science, Kent State University; Master of Science, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Master of Library Science, School of Information Science and Policy, University at Albany, State University of New York; Master of Library Science, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Queens College, City University of New York; Master of Library and Information Science, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Dominican University; Master of Library Science, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University.

The Committee on Accreditation has also announced that the program leading to the degree of Master of Library and Information Science offered by University College at the University of Denver has been scheduled for an initial accreditation review in Spring 1999.
External review panel volunteers: a profile

The external review process relies on volunteers to serve as panel members. Each panel requires a mix of variables; for example, experienced with non-experienced panelists, practitioners and academics, and specializations in any area of focus requested by the programs. Luckily, our group of volunteers is diverse. Here is a snapshot view of the composition of the Office for Accreditation’s volunteer pool.

- There are 298 volunteers in the pool.
- 145 volunteers work in faculty positions or other positions in library and information science programs.
- 153 volunteers work as practicing librarians and information specialists.
- 35 volunteers have been appointed external review panel chairs.
- 116 volunteers have been appointed to serve on external review panels.

Areas of specialty include all the ALISE classifications (see p. 4) except bibliotherapy and art. The greatest representation is in management or administration (120). Academic libraries (74), public libraries (40) and school media centers (39) are the top three represented. The two audiences with the greatest representation are children (23) and young adults (22). ▲

Schedule of Evaluation Reviews

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Thank you, external review panel volunteers

The Office for Accreditation wishes to thank the External Review Panel volunteers. All 298 of you have offered to share your time and expertise with us by serving on an external review panel. Program review by an external panel of library professionals is an essential component in the accreditation process, and we appreciate your willingness to participate in it.

Panels are usually assigned one year to six months before each program review. Please be assured that if you are not assigned to a panel, it does not reflect on you or your application. The appointment process requires a mix of variables. We try to combine experienced with non-experienced panelists, practitioners and academics; we consider locations, gender, and specializations appropriate to the programs as well.

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Contribute to assuring quality education in library and information studies. People with an understanding of and appreciation for the peer review process are needed to participate as chairs or panel members in the process for library and information studies programs at the Master’s level. Please consider the following criteria:

- five years experience in the profession or in higher education or three years employment in an information-related field
- demonstrated interpersonal and team participation skills
- flexibility in scheduling and a willingness to commit up to four consecutive days during the academic year
- demonstrated analytical skills
- demonstrated logical, clear report-writing ability
- ability to communicate effectively with a broad-range of constituencies regardless of culture, gender, ethnicity or race, including administrators, staff, students, and the public
- appreciation and understanding of the context of higher education
- ALA membership is not required.

If you or a colleague meet the above criteria, please provide the External Review Panel Member Information requested on the form (see p. 5). All external review panel applicants receive the newsletter PRISM. This newsletter reports the activities of the Committee on Accreditation and the Office for Accreditation, accreditation within the professions generally, and accreditation for the library and information studies programs specifically.

ALISE classification guide

01 Information Science/Information Services
02 Library Science/Library Services
03 Information Systems/Information Resource Management
04 Cognitive Processes
05 Communications Technologies (including telecommunications)
06 Artificial Intelligence/Expert Systems
07 Foundations of Library and Information Science/Core
08 Historical, Societal, Philos. Treatment of Library & Information Science
09 Education for Library and Information Specialties
09.1 Distance Education
10 International and Comparative Library and Information Science
11 Classification
12 Descriptive Cataloging
13 Subject Cataloging
14 Technical Services
15 Indexing and Abstracting
16 Technical Writing
17 Publishing; Book Arts
18 Research Methods; Statistics
19 Bibliometrics
20 Not used
21 Facilities Planning
22 Reprography
23 Information Systems: Analysis, Design or Evaluation
24 Communication (human, human-machine, machine-machine)
25 Management or Administration
26 Marketing; Planning; Public Relations
27 Networking or Cooperation
28 Collection Development
29 Preservation of Materials
30 Intellectual Freedom and Censorship
31 Storytelling
32 Bibliotherapy
33 Reference or Information Services
34 Information and Referral/Community Information
35 Computer Programming
36 Database Design or Management
37 Automation and Computerization
38 Online Searching/Computerized Information Retrieval
39 Bibliographic Instruction/User Education
40 Bibliography
41 Instructional Technology/Design; Media Production
42 Information Policy; Economics of Information
43 Science and Technology
44 Social Science
45 Humanities
46 Business/Economics
47 Medicine
48 Law
49 Music
50 Art
51 Area Studies
52 Audio-Visual
53 Maps
54 Serials
55 Government Publications
56 Archives
57 Records Management; Corporate Records
58 Rare Materials
59 Audience: Children
60 Audience: Young Adults
61 Audience: General Adult Population
62 Audience: Aged
63.1 Audience: Handicapped and Institutionalized
63.2 Audience: Ethnic Groups; Cultural History
63.3 Audience: Professional and Scholarly Groups
64 Academic Libraries
65 Public Libraries
66 School Media Centers/Libraries
67 Law Libraries or Information Centers
68 Arts or Music Libraries or Information Centers
69 Medical Libraries or Information Centers
70 Other Subject-specialized Libraries or Information Centers
71 Corporate Libraries or Information Centers
72 Governmental Libraries or Information Centers
73 Information Industry (for profit)
External review panel member information

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Other Relevant Training or Experience (with accreditation or with higher education):

Areas of Specialty: Using the ALISE Classification Guide (see page 4, please list no more than three primary and three secondary):

Primary: ______ ______ ______  Secondary: ______ ______ ______

I give my permission for this information to be shared with master's programs in library and information studies:

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1998 deadlines
All agenda items are due in the Office for Accreditation no later than one month prior to the Committee on Accreditation meetings. The deadlines for 1998 follow. Please note that interim reports are due on October 15 every year.

October 15  LIS programs' interim reports
October 16  Agenda items for COA fall meeting
December 11 Agenda items for COA 1999 Midwinter Meeting

ALA Annual Conference

Open Session with the Committee on Accreditation
Saturday, June 27, 12-12:30 p.m.
Board Room, Doubletree Park Terrace Hotel

External review panel seminar
Friday, June 26
Congressional Room, Capitol Hilton
1-2 p.m. New Panel Members
2-3 p.m. All Panel Members
Participants are welcome to attend all sessions.